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SUBJ: UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT/ UNIVERSITY OF BELGRADE EXCHANGE

REF: HUTSON/CATHERMAN I-O OF APR 6, 1976

1. POST AGREES WITH DEPARTMENT AYEC WOULD BE APPROPRIATE CHANNEL FOR ASSISTING U OF CONNECTICUT/U OF BELGRADE EXCHANGE. IN DISCUSSIONS WITH TOKES, DEPARTMENT MAY WISH POINT OUT THAT AYEC HAS STANDING POLICY OF ASSISTING, WITH TRAVEL GRANTS, UNIVERSITY TO UNIVERSITY TIES SUCH AS THIS. IF U OF BELGRADE WISHES OBTAIN TRAVEL GRANTS FOR YUGOSLAV PARTICIPANTS THIS EXCHANGE, THEY SHOULD BE INSTRUCTED TO CONTACT AYEC IMMEDIATELY TO MAKE APPLICATION SINCE COMPETITION FOR TRAVEL-ONLY GRANTS FOR THIS FALL CLOSES JUNE ONE.

2. THERE ARE NUMBER OF OPENINGS IN 1976 AYEC PROGRAM PROPOSAL FOR US PROFESSORS IN FIELD OF YUGOSLAV STUDIES, ECONOMICS, AND POLITICAL SCIENCE. THESE GRANTS WOULD PROVIDE TRAVEL AND MAINTENANCE IN YUGOSLAVIA. IF U OF CONNECTICUT HAS CANDIDATES, THEY SHOULD APPLY TO CIES ASAP. AT SAME TIME, U OF BELGRADE SHOULD MAKE FORMAL REQUEST FOR THESE PEOPLE TO AYEC.

3. POST BELIEVES THAT IN CASES WHICH INVOLVE ONLY TRAVEL GRANTS, US UNIVERSITIES SHOULD BE REFERRED TO AYEC. IF MAINTENANCE AWARDS ARE ALSO REQUIRED, COMMISSION CAN USUALLY ASSIST IN CASES OF AMERICANS COMING TO YUGOSLAVIA. MAINTENANCE GRANTS FOR YUGOSLAVS COME FROM CU ALLOCATION

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AND ARE AWARDED ON BASIS OF COUNTRY-WIDE COMPETITION.

FURTHER, THEY ARE NORMALLY FOR AN ACADEMIC YEAR. THERE MAY BE CERTAIN EXCHANGES WE WISH TO ENCOURAGE WHICH DO NOT FIT THESE CONDITIONS EASILY, THUS THE DEPARTMENT MAY NEED TO MAKE A DIRECT GRANT TO A US UNIVERSITY IN ORDER FOR THE EXCHANGE TO TAKE PLACE. BELIEVE DEPARTMENT WILL WANT RETAIN THIS FLEXIBILITY RATHER THAN COMMITTING ITSELF TO RUNNING ALL ACADEMIC EXCHANGES THROUGH THE COMMISSION. SILBERMAN

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